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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-19 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 9, 15, and 18 have been amended; claim 4 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a monitor system having a first monitor connected to said host computer and a second monitor that is connected to the host computer by a shared peripheral bus, e.g., a universal serial bus. As well known in the art, a shared peripheral bus or USB is different from an internal bus or monitor port. The shared peripheral bus may be shared with a plurality of peripheral devices. The claim recites, "...a first monitor connected to said host computer via a monitor port; a second monitor, separate and unattached to said first monitor and smaller than said first monitor and coupled to said computer via a shared peripheral bus that is different from an internal bus residing in said host computer; a first shared peripheral bus interface coupling said internal bus to said shared peripheral bus; a first memory configured to store image information transmitted to said second monitor; a second memory configured to store image information to be transmitted to said second monitor; and a video driver in said host computer for providing a portion of a display on said first monitor to said second monitor, said video driver being operable to compare said first and second memories to determine whether or not a first portion of an image displayed on said second monitor is to be modified and a second portion of said image displayed on said second monitor is to be left unmodified, wherein image data corresponding to said first portion of said image are transmitted to said second monitor and image data corresponding to said second portion of said image are not transmitted to said second monitor." Lee does not disclose the above recited features. Claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 10 depends from claim 1 and is allowable at least for this reason. Claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Grossman et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. These claims depend from claim 1 and are allowable at least for this reason. Claim 7 was

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rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Craig. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 7 depends from claim 1 and is allowable at least for this reason.

Claims 15-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Grossman and further in view of Craig. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Claim 15 is directed to a monitor system. The claim recites, "...a shared peripheral bus connected to said host computer; a first monitor connected to said host computer; a first shared peripheral bus interface coupling said shared peripheral bus to an internal bus residing in said host computer, said first shared peripheral bus interface being configured to interface with a plurality of peripheral devices; a second monitor, smaller than said first monitor, connected to said shared peripheral bus, said second monitor including..." Lee does not disclose the above recited features. Other references do not remedy Lee's deficiencies. Claim 15 is allowable.

Claim 18 recites, "...a second display screen for connection to a host computer having a first display screen, said second display screen being separate and unattached to said first display screen and smaller than said first display screen, said second display screen comprising: a display controller coupled to said second display screen; a video memory coupled to said display controller; a shared bus interface, coupled to said video memory, for providing an interface with a shared peripheral bus that is coupled to a bus in a remote host computer..." Lee does not disclose the above recited features. Neither Grossman nor Craig remedies the above deficiencies of Lee. Claim 18 is allowable.

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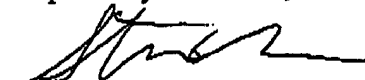
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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